

Writing Pilot Program: English I Timed Writing I

Student Instructions:

Today you will be completing a timed writing assignment, and you will get to choose what you want to write about. Below you will find three expository essay prompts. Choose **one** prompt and write your essay on the paper provided. If you need more space to write, you can ask your teacher for additional pages.

For your assignment, it is important to remember to —

- clearly state your thesis
- organize and clearly develop your ideas
- choose your words carefully
- edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

Below are your prompt choices. Choose **one** topic to write about and remember to do your best!

Prompt Choices:

1. Nelson Mandela once said, “The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time you fall.”

Write an essay explaining whether failure can strengthen a person.

2. The digital audio player, also known as the MP3 player, first became available to the general public in 1996. Unlike the compact disc player, this technology did not require that music be stored on separate discs. MP3 players have now become the dominant medium for listening to music.

Write an essay explaining the effect of one new technology on people’s lives.

3. David Packard, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard, said, “Take risks. Ask big questions. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes; if you don’t make mistakes, you’re not reaching far enough.”

Write an essay explaining why it is sometimes necessary to take a chance.